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report on observations in the port of Vlone. The report also contains a sketch of the Vlone area.

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A. Military Data.

1. Point 8 on sketch indicates 4 subterranean ^(bunkers) gun emplacements and one surface gun emplacement. [REDACTED]
2. Point 7 on sketch indicates a shelter tent bivouac. A detailed observation was not possible because of the great distance ^{of} the bivouac. [REDACTED]
3. No naval vessels were observed.
4. No other gun emplacements, coast defense works or radar stations were observed.

B. Nautical Data.

1. [REDACTED] ship arrived in the evening of 20 May 1956. Because there were no beacons on the coast, the ship dropped anchor at point 1 on sketch. The next day the ship proceeded and anchored at point 2 on sketch (see route indicated by dotted line), where a security team boarded ship. After the security inspection, the ship proceeded and moored at point 3 on sketch (on the inner side of pier No. 2).
2. According to information received, a minefield is located at point 6 on sketch.

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C. Harbor Facilities.

1. The only mooring ^{berth} in Valona is located at Pier No. 2 (point 3 on sketch); [^] other ^{wise} ships ^{have to} anchor.

During the war, Pier No. 1 was bombed and has not been repaired as yet.

2. Pier No. 2 consists of 2 sections. The widest section (90 x 20 meters) is located on ^{the} seaward side and is of concrete. This section was built after the war. A smaller section (70 x 10 meters) lies behind this section. It is not possible to moor ships at this smaller section because of shallow water. The pier projects 2¹/₂-3 meters above water level.

3. There are no hoisting cranes.

D. Miscellaneous.

1. A German employed in Valona took charge of the 2 trawlers. He, with other Germans, has been employed for 2 years in Valona constructing a fish canning factory.

2. Two military persons boarded the trawlers after the German had taken charge. Their uniforms were as follows:

Military person No. 1: open coat, long trousers, and flat cap (made of brown-green material). There is a red star on the cap. The shoulder straps are brown-green with 2 wide, golden braids (lying close together).

Military person No. 2: a half coat, half jacket (open on top and tied underneath), which reaches almost to the knees. Long trousers. The cap has a red star. There are 2 silver braids running crosswise on each shoulder strap. The uniform and braids are of the same brown-green material.

Both military persons wore a leather belt.

E. Data pertaining to trawlers.

1. On the same day [20 May 1956] a ship also arrived in Valona with 2 trawlers.

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2. Ten trawlers have at present arrived in Valona. Three trawlers by [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] ship; 2 by the [redacted] ship, earlier 3 trawlers by a [redacted] 25X1
ship, and 2 by a [redacted] tug. 25X1

3. At Gibraltar, [redacted] The speed 25X1
was 7.8 miles per hour.

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- 1 - first place of anchorage.
- 2 - second place of anchorage.
- 3 - third place of anchorage.
- 4.- location where the 2 trawlers were moored.
- 5 - the marked anchorage place.
- 6 - minefield.
- 7 - shelter tent bivouac .
- 8 - one surface gun emplacement and 4 subterranean^e gun emplacements.

(Sketch)

